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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q80862

Taichi KOBAYASHI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/817,002

Group Art Unit: 1712

Confirmation No.: 2744

Examiner: Timothy J. Kugel

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects the monovalent anions of Claim 4.

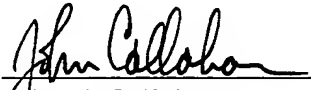
Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims are found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to the non-elected claims.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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